

REGENERATION COMMITTEE - 30 OCTOBER 2008

Regeneration Committee

Thursday 30 October 2008 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Blair, Brooks (for Ferguson), Clocherty, Grieve (for Osborne), Loughran, McCabe, McKenzie, MacLeod, Moran (for McCallum) and White.

Chair: Councillor Clocherty presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources, Mr M Thomson (for Chief Financial Officer), Head of Economic & Social Regeneration, Head of Legal & Administration, Head of Property Resources & Facilities Management, Ms A Chambers (for Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs), Chief Internal Auditor, Physical Investment Services Manager and Mr H McNeilly (Legal Services Manager, Courts & Litigation).

Apologies: Councillors Ferguson, McCallum and Osborne.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener on behalf of the Committee extended thanks to Mr Ron McAulay, Route Director Scotland, Network Rail and Mr Bill Nicol, Chief Executive, Riverside Inverclyde who had recently made presentations to Elected Members.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

750 Revenue Budget 2008/09 - Period 5

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer and the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the position of the Revenue Budget 2008/09 as at Period 5 (31 August 2008) which showed a projected overspend of £15,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the current projected overspend of £15,000 for 2008/09, as at 31 August 2008, be noted; and
- (2) that the virement requests totalling £223,080 as detailed in paragraph 6.1 and appendix 4 of the report be approved and that the Policy & Resources Committee be requested to approve the virement in respect of legal, commercial, industrial and miscellaneous properties janitor services in the sum of £11,050 due to a budget transfer from Legal & Administration.

751 Building Services Trading Account Revenue Budget 2008/09 - Period 5

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Building Services Trading Account as at Period 5 (31 August 2008) which showed a projected cash surplus of £146,000.

Noted

752 Capital Programme 2008/09 to 2010/11 - Progress

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Capital Programme 2008/09 to 2010/11. Councillor McCabe declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a Director of

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KNCCC Ltd. He also formed the view that the nature of his interest and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

Decided: that the Committee note the progress of the specific projects detailed in the appendix to the report and remit the proposed loan in relation to the KNCCC project to the Policy & Resources Committee for approval.

753 Regeneration & Resources Directorate Performance Report

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the performance of Property Resources & Facilities Management and Economic & Social Regeneration in achieving their key objectives as set out in the Regeneration & Resources Directorate Plan and how they have contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.

Noted

754 Letting Arrangements for Council Facilities

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on the progress of the implementation of revised arrangements for the booking of Council facilities seeking approval for (1) categories of lets and reduction/waiver categories and (2) new arrangements for commercial lets.

Decided:

(1) that approval be given to the categories of lets and waivers of lets information detailed in appendices A and B of the report, subject to the inclusion of hospices and carer groups in the 75% reduction/waiver category; and

(2) that approval be given to the new arrangements for commercial lets as set out in paragraph 4.5 of the report which will allow tenders and quotations to be sought for special events such as the booking of public halls at Christmas.

755 Community Council Review Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) updating the Committee on the ongoing review of Community Councils at a national and local level and (2) outlining the latest proposals for Inverclyde from the Member/Officer Working Group.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the progress of the review of Community Councils at a national and local level; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Member/Officer Working Group to have further consultation with Community Councils and other community groups on the latest proposals and report to the Committee in early 2009 with final recommendations.

756 Inverclyde Community Planning Partnership European Bid

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the submission of a revised bid for European funding by the Inverclyde Community Planning Partnership.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the re-submission of the Community Planning Partnership bid for European funding; and

(2) that should the bid be successful authority be delegated to the Corporate Director

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Regeneration & Resources to accept the award on behalf of the Inverclyde Alliance using match funding from Fairer Scotland Funds.

- 757 Business Support and Improvement Programme 757**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources advising of a bid by Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire Councils for European funding under the Business Improvement & Support Programme to deliver a three year project seeking to build on existing business support provision.
Decided: that approval be given to acceptance of any award of funding under the Business Improvement & Support Programme for the delivery of the project outlined in the report.
- 758 Inverclyde Local Employment Partnership 758**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources advising of the development of the Local Employment Partnership within Inverclyde.
Decided:
 (1) that approval be given to participation in a Local Employment Partnership, subject to further discussions between Economic Development, Human Resources and Jobcentre Plus to establish the most appropriate measures from the list outlined in paragraph 2.3 of the report or other such measures as may be agreed locally; and
 (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to submit a further report to the Policy & Resources Committee on completion of the agreement.
- 759 Voluntary Action Fund 759**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources on the recent Inverclyde launch of the new Voluntary Action Fund small grant, the "Community Chest".
 The Head of Economic & Social Regeneration advised the Committee that the level of grant had been increased and that grants of up to £2,000 may be provided through this initiative.
Decided:
 (1) that the Committee note the progress being made to encourage take-up of external funding sources; and
 (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to report to Committee in early 2009 on the outcome of applications to the Community Chest fund.
- 760 Post Office Area Plan - Homologation of Consultation Comments 760**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking homologation of a response to the public consultation document issued by the Post Office in respect of their area plan proposal for Ayrshire, Inverclyde, Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire as set out in appendix 1 to the report.
Decided: that the consultation response to the Post Office be homologated.
- 761 Summer Playschemes 2008 - Activities and Costs 761**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) on the various activities in relation to the summer playschemes and activities programme 2008, (2) providing associated statistical information and (3) advising of the actual staff costs associated with the preparation and planning of the event.

Decided:

(1) that the contents of the report and the action taken by the Economic & Social Regeneration Service to ensure a wide-ranging summer playscheme programme be noted; and

(2) that the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources take the financial information relating to the cost of the summer playscheme programme forward to the budget setting process for 2009/10 for further consideration.

762 Review of Key Leisure Sites - Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) providing an update on the progress of the review of key leisure sites in Inverclyde and (2) requesting the Committee to review proposals in the light of the oncoming budget setting processes.

Councillor Ahlfeld declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a former director of Inverclyde Community Interest Company and as a founder member and current Honorary Secretary of Gourock YAC. He also formed the view that the nature of his interests and of the item of business did not preclude his continued presence in the Chamber or his participation in the decision making process.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the proposals in respect of the key leisure sites set out in the report and the timing of implementation as part of the budget setting process and, where appropriate, that adequate public notices are undertaken and processes embarked upon to invite submissions from interested parties in relation to the Parklea/Kelburn Park development, Rankin Park, Gourock Park and Gourock Pool projects;

(2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to arrange a visit for Members to the facility at Kilwinning; and

(3) that a further report on progress be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

763 Asset Management Update

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) on the current progress with asset management planning and (2) requesting authority to seek external valuation advice regarding future disposals.

Decided:

(1) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to seek competitive tenders from the consultants identified in appendix 1 to the report for the specialist valuation and technical advice that is required to assist with the disposals programme and to report back to Committee; and

(2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to present the draft Asset Management Plan for consideration by the Committee at the meeting to be held in January 2009.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that the business involved the

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likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite each item.

Item	Paragraph(s)			
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Burnside Avenue, Port Glasgow	6 and 13			
Lease of Ground: Hill Farm, Inverkip	2, 6 and 9			
Ground at Bank Street, Greenock	2, 6 and 9			
Lease of Shop Premises: Inverkip Street, Greenock	2, 6 and 9			
764 Appendix 1 relative to Agenda Item 15				764
There was submitted appendix 1 relative to agenda item 15 (Asset Management Update) comprising tender list for specialist valuation and technical advice. Noted				
765 Gourock Transport Interchange				765
There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources updating the Committee on progress with the Gourock transport interchange and the Committee agreed to note the outcome of the review of the final report by Transport Scotland and to remit it to the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources to take action, all as detailed in the appendix.				
766 Riverside Inverclyde Operating Plan 2008-11 and Annual Report 2007-08				766
There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) seeking endorsement of Riverside Inverclyde's Operating Plan 2008-11, a copy of which was appended to the report and (2) requesting the Committee to note the Riverside Inverclyde 2007-08 Annual Report.				
There were circulated appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 relative to Riverside Inverclyde's Operating Plan.				
Decided:				
(1) that the Committee endorse Riverside Inverclyde's Operating Plan 2008-11 identified in appendix A to the report; and				
(2) that Riverside Inverclyde's 2007-08 Annual Report be noted.				
767 Burnside Avenue, Port Glasgow				767
There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking authority to take action in respect of premises in Burnside Avenue, Port Glasgow				

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and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

768 Lease of Ground: Hill Farm, Inverkip 768

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking consent to grant a lease of an area of ground at Hill Farm, Inverkip and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.

769 Ground at Bank Street, Greenock 769

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking approval for the re-use of an area of ground at Bank Street, Greenock for car parking for the proposed new Wellpark Clinic, Greenock.

(Councillor White left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that, subject to obtaining appropriate planning consent, approval be given to the re-use of the ground shown hatched on the plan appended to the report for car parking to serve the new build project at the Wellpark Clinic, Greenock.

770 Lease of Shop Premises: Inverkip Street, Greenock 770

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking consent to renew the lease of shop premises at Inverkip Street, Greenock and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.